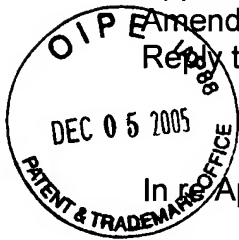


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2005 in the form of a Restriction Requirement.

In the Office Action, the claims of the present application were grouped into three groups under a restriction requirement, Group I being claims 1-21 and 31-34; Group II being claims 22-30; and Group III being claim 35. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction, on the basis that examination of the claims would not be a serious burden, as provided in Section 803 of the M.P.E.P. However, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I for examination, reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications should the restriction requirement be made final.

The Office Action also issued an election of species requirement, in the event Group I was elected, Species I being directed to a method of making a headliner; Species II being directed to a method of making a filter. Applicants elect Species II, reserving the right to have Species I examined when Species II is determined to be allowable and one or more generic claims allowed. Applicants advise that at least claims 1-9 and 11-21 read on the elected species.


Accompanying this response is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and the accompanying fee. Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be considered.

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Applicants believe the application to be in proper form for examination.
Examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

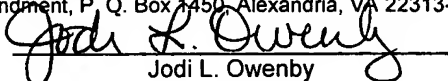


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